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Applicants: Elazar Rabbani et al.

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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sirs:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed June 21, 2000. The original time for responding to the Final Office Action expired September 21, 2000. With the expected grant of this Request for Extension of Time, the time for responding to the Final Office Action is now December 21, 2000. Accordingly, the accompanying Continued Prosecution Application is timely filed.

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A fee in the amount of \$445.00 is believed due in connection with this Continued Prosecution Application for the Three-Month Extension of Time (small entity status having been previously established and being still applicable). No other fee is believed necessary. However, if any other fee is deemed due, Applicants hereby authorized the Patent and Trademark Office to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1135.

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